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MERLYNN ROSE: My name is MerLynn Rose, M-e-r capital L-y-n-n, Rose. I also am a public citizen here in Pahrump. I've lived in Nevada all my life. I'm a native to this state, and I also work for Shundahai Network.

- 1 A few comments I have regarding this SDEIS, there's one little notation in there about the transportation talking about 100 to 140 million kilometers travel for transporting materials resulting in only three to four traffic fatalities. I'm really concerned with that because it seems extremely unrealistic, very low.

And it mentions at no time where these accidents could occur or how many people would be involved in this. The numbers seem extremely too low, like I say. It's hard to accept what the DOE says regarding their track record, given they're the same people that told us to duck and cover, and I don't want anyone to forget that. that.

- 2 It talks in here about the land right use and ownership. It says on page 3-16 and 3.13.13 that the DOE will continue protection of the Native American sacred sites, cultural resources and potential traditional cultural properties and will implement appropriate mitigation measures. I had to look up the word mitigate because I'm not real knowledgeable, but it says to make or become less severe. What I'd like to know is how boring holes into sacred mountains on stolen land and filling it with the deadliest of poisons, how the Department of Energy will make that theft and that rape less severe?

- 3 As a concerned Pahrump citizen I must insist that the DOE extend the length of the comment period to at least a minimum of 45 days. The material is so complicated that regular public citizens won't have time to, on a normal day-to-day basis, to be able to go over all the information that are on these documents and also comment on them as well to understand them. It's very important that we understand what these documents are about.

- 4 I'm also requesting that the DOE broaden these areas to the public hearings to include all the public on all the proposed transportation routes. It's understood that the transportation is not focused in this SDEIS; however, since this SDEIS is a portion of the whole and will continue to evolve, all public this project will affect must be allowed to participate in the future of their lives and the protection of their families.

- 5... The DOE should plan public hearings that don't coincide with large functions that happen in these small towns. You know, you guys held these hearings in Amargosa on the night that they have a town meeting. That affects a small town. You're holding this meeting this evening when you have graduations going on. And there are teachers, parents and faculty, students even that are at this point in time coming out of a place

5 cont. in their life and they're not able to attend in this because you're holding it on that night. These comments really should need to be addressed, and these things really need to be changed.

6 [Of course, you know, I haven't really said anything here that anyone else hasn't said today, or in any of these hearings. We're demanding more time. You know, 45 days isn't enough. As a person who's dyslexic, for me to read a whole page takes an hour, okay. And I don't think that you're filtering or that you're even putting people in with any kind of learning disabilities in this in this 45-day period. So, you know, that is just one of the demands.

And I thank you again for allowing me to speak.